Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers

3170. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Housing Scheme as implemented for Beedi Workers and the criteria adopted with regards to allotment of houses to Beedi Workers in India;

(b) the details of Budget released for construction of houses to Beedi Workers, State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh for the years 2002 03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(c) the details of number of houses allotted so far to Beedi Workers in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(d) whether Government have made any efforts to extend Housing Scheme to Beedi Workers who in large numbers work in their residences, outside the Beedi Factories;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (f) The Government has been implementing an Integrated Housing Scheme(IHS) for all eligible beedi workers whether working in beedi factories or in their residences. Under the scheme any eligible beedi workers from any State can apply for obtaining a financial assistance of Rs. 40,000/-for construction of his/ her house or for purchase of aready built flat in any group housing society. The financial assistance is limited to Rs. 40,000/- or 50% of the actual cost of construction of the house, whichever is less. The State-wise details in respect of all beedi workers whether working in beedi factories or in their residences of the number of houses sanctioned, subsidy released for constructed houses and district-wise details of houses sanctioned in respect of Andhra Pradesh during last three years are given in the enclosed Statement I and II (*See* below). Separate details of houses sanctioned for beedi workers working in their residences are not maintained.

Statement-I

Details of State-wise sanctioned houses & amount released during the last three years for beedi workers under BWW Fund

S. No	State	2002-2003		2003-2004		2004-2005	
		House Sanctioned	Amount Released in Lakh	House Sanctioned	Amount Released in Lakh	House Sanctioned	Amount Released in Lakh
1	Andhra Pradesh	315	64 09	2018	61.45	6993	77.91
2	Bihar	311	NIL	NIL	6 71	NIL	9 98
3	Chhattisgarh	NIL	NIL	285	0.33	18	57 40
4	Gujarat	NIL	NIL	NIL	7 80	NIL	NIL
5	Karnataka	857	58 99	1591	111.00	489	184.90
6	Kerala	687	127.71	584	39.00	707	59.58
7	Madhya Pradesh	NIL	43.42	1023	8 05	1359	21.35
8	Maharashtra	NIL	502 56	175	355 62	867	317.95
9	Orissa	1830	175 00	242	300 00	3525	337 00
10	Rajasthan	NIL	NIL	06	0.60	254	NIL
11	Tamil Nadu	1638	1 32	Nil	22.18	674	19 14
12	Uttar Pradesh	104	6.97	481	13.20	NIL	23 67
13	West Bengal & Assam	NIL	70 83	538	73.60	903	90 87
	TOTAL	5742	1050 89	6943	999.54	15789	1199.75

Statement-II

District-wise details of number of houses sanctioned for beedi workers in the state of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years under BWWF

No. of Houses constructed during three years

S. No.	Name of the District	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
1	2	3	4	5
1	Karimnagar	NIL	661	1280
2	Nizamabad	20	542	1834
3	Warnagal	248	295	373
4	Mahaboobnagar	NIL	120	66

1	2	3	4	5
5	Adilabad	NIl	55	430
6	Medak	47	90	2331
7	Nellore	NIL	253	NIL
8	Guntur	NIL	02	NIL
9	Nalgonda	NIL	NIL	262
10	Kurnool	NIL	NIL	395
11	Chittor	NIL	NIL	22
	GRAND TOTAL	315	2018	6993

Unemployed youths in NE States

3171. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed youths with in the age group of 18 to 30 years as on 31st March, 2005;

(b) how many of them belong to rural areas;

(c) whether Government propose to issue any guideline for the employment of the unemployed youths of the North-Eastern States in central sector jobs;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Number of jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed in the age group of 20-29 years registered with the employment exchanges in the country as on December 2003 (latest available) was around 2.05 Crore.

(b) Around 58% of the jobseekers are from rural areas.

(c) to (e) At present there is no such proposal.

Depositing additional amount to Employees Provident Fund

3172. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees Provident Fund Organisation is seriously thinking to restructure the facility of depositing additional